



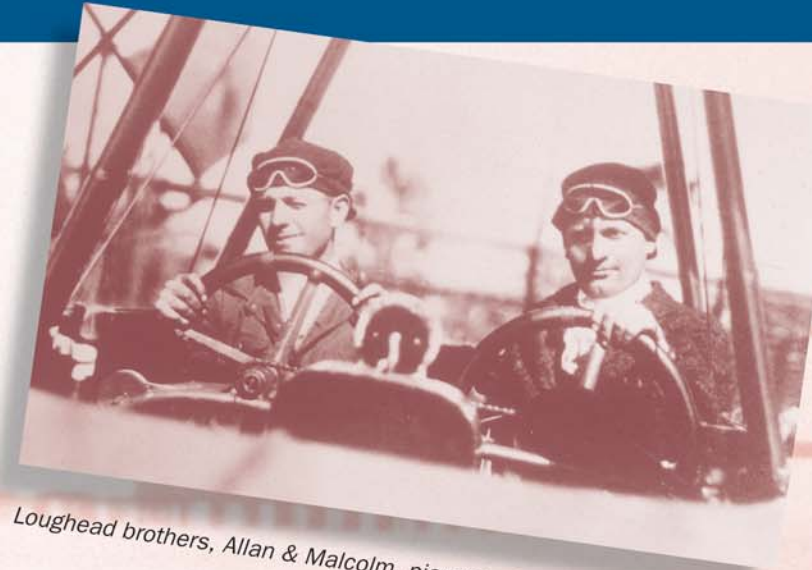
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Cover: Airplane races on the unpaved main airport strip circa 1933.
Photo courtesy Santa Barbara County photo archives.

Back Cover, clockwise: Airport Air Traffic Control Towers c. 1920's
(Hollister & Fairview corner); c. 1940's and c. 1960's (1505 Cook Place),
and c. 1999 (10 Burns Place).

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Loughead brothers, Allan & Malcolm, pioneer aircraft builders, c. 1917

Aerial of Airport's original dirt runway.
Note: Old Town Goleta to the left, c. 1929



United B247 ten-passenger aircraft at original tower/terminal building, c. 1936



Amelia Earhart visits the Santa Barbara Airport, c. 1937



Loughead Aircraft Mfg. Co. seaplane at the wharf for passengers and flight lessons, c. 1919



General Western Aero Corp's Meteor, the first metal propeller airplane, c. 1931



Aerial photo of SBA showing Mescalitan Island in the airfield, c. 1934



**Historical
Milestones:
From the
beginning
through the
1930's**

1916

Loughead Aircraft Company (later changed to Lockheed) establishes a sea plane factory on lower State Street and hires Santa Barbara High School student, Jack Northrop.

1919

Curtis JN-4's (Jennies) are based at the Airport as fire spotters for the Los Padres National Forest Service.

1928

Gordon Sackett and Royce Stetson lease a cow pasture near Hollister and Fairview Avenues (beginning of future Santa Barbara Airport) and gave flying lessons.

1929

The Airport's first runway was 3,000 feet of dirt, today the Airport's main runway is 6,052 feet.

1930

Frederick Stearns II establishes Santa Barbara Airways. He built the first paved runways and installed the first radio equipment at the Airport.

1931

General Western Aircraft Corporation manufactures the "Meteor," an open cockpit monoplane at the Airport, the sport airplane was the first to have metal propellers.

1932

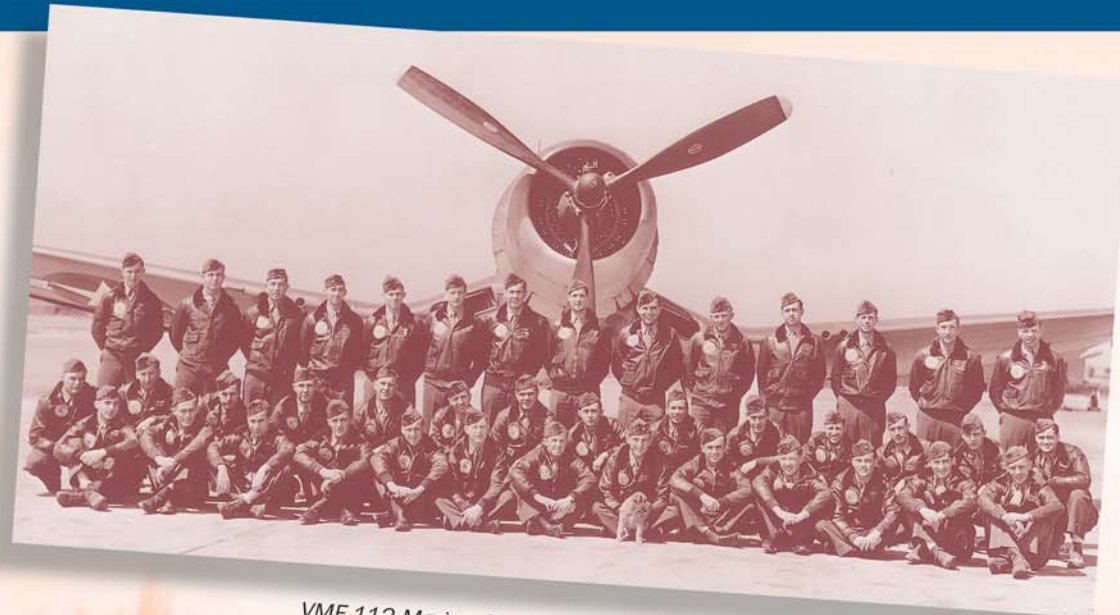
Century Pacific Airlines begins the first commercial airline passenger service at SBA. A roundtrip ticket to Los Angeles cost \$9.81.

1936

First major national airline (35% of all U.S. air passenger travel) to serve the area, United Airlines inaugurates daily passenger flights from the Airport using ten-passenger Boeing 247 aircraft.

1937

Amelia Earhart and her Lockheed Vega visit SBA. She broke several women's speed records in the modified Vega. Earhart was the first woman to fly the Atlantic solo, which she accomplished in the Vega aircraft.



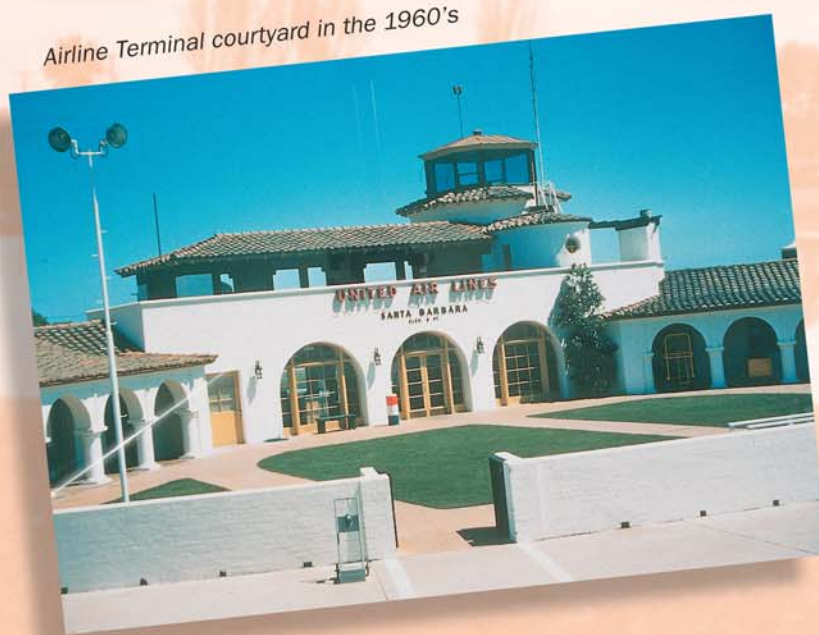
VMF 112 Marine Corps Wolfpack Squadron at SBA during WWII, c. 1942



Aerial of
SBA and
surrounding
area, c. 1954

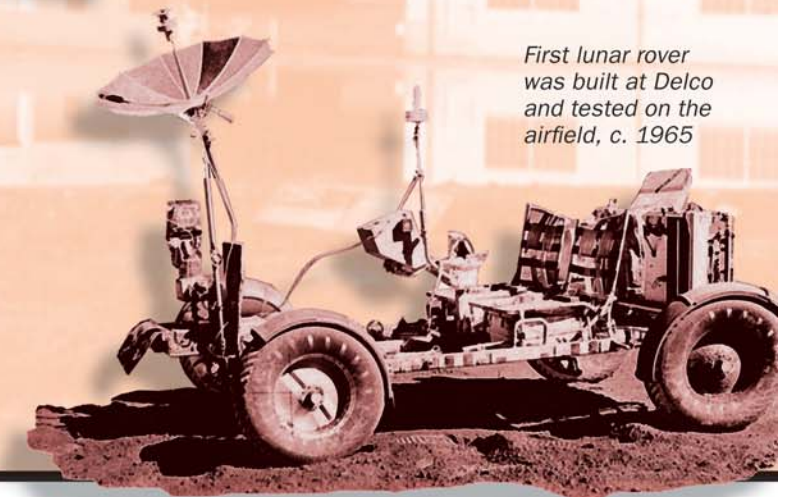


Drag races at the Airport, late 1940's



Airline Terminal courtyard in the 1960's

Airport streets are named after WWII pilots who lost
their lives in the war



First lunar rover
was built at Delco
and tested on the
airfield, c. 1965

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**Historical
Milestones:
From the
1940's to
the mid-1960's**

1941

Citizens of Santa Barbara pass a \$149,000 bond issue to develop a commercial airport at Goleta. The City of Santa Barbara purchased 580 acres and invested \$1 million under an agreement with the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

1942

United Airlines builds a 7,000 sq. ft. Airline Terminal (main lobby of today's Terminal) and enters into a 25-year lease with the City.

1942

The U.S. Navy leases the Airport for a Marine Corps Air Station Base and spends \$11.5 million on airfield and building construction.

1945

Santa Barbara Airport was one of the top 10 airports on the west coast with five 4,500' runways and 3 fixed based operators.

1948

The streets at the Airport are dedicated and named in honor of local military pilots killed in action during WWII.

1949

U.S. Government deeds Airport property to the City of Santa Barbara.

1951

10,000 people attend the first Tri-County Air Show & National Air Races held by the Civil Air Patrol.

1961

The City of Santa Barbara annexes its Airport property by a 37,000' x 300' ocean strip from the Santa Barbara harbor to the south end of the airfield.

1965

The first lunar roving vehicle in tested on an obstacle course in the Airport airfield.



Guppy aircraft were designed and built at SBA during the 1960's



Aerial of SBA and surrounding area, c. 1990



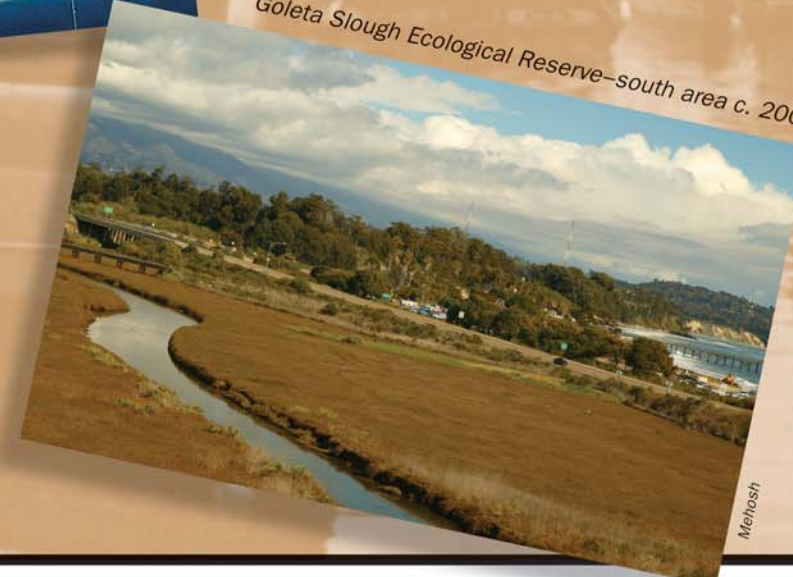
Pacific Airlines 90-passenger jet, c. 1966



Airline Terminal is named after Earle Lewis Ovington in 1969



President Reagan and Queen Elizabeth visit SBA c. 1984



Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve—south area c. 2004

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Historical
Milestones:
From the
mid-1960's
to the present

- 1966** Pacific Airlines lands the first 727, a 90-passenger jet at the Airport.
- 1967** Jack M. Conroy of Aero Space Lines brings Guppy airplane design to the Airport and Guppy operations begin.
- 1969** The Airline Terminal was named after local resident Earle L. Ovington who flew the first U.S. airmail flight on Sept. 23, 1911. Prior to learning to fly, he worked as an engineering assistant to Thomas A. Edison in New Jersey.
- 1972** Airport serves close to a quarter million arriving and departing passengers.
- 1976** Airline Terminal is expanded to its current 20,000 square feet with the addition of the south lobby building.
- 1978** The main runway 7/25, is extended from 4,500 feet to its current length of 6,052 feet.
- 1989** First Airport Day took place at Hangar 4 off Marxmiller Place as a public open house with aviation exhibits and vintage aircraft displays.
- 2000** Landmark wetland mitigation project restores 8,700 native plants on 30 acres of Airport property in Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve thereby protecting endangered coastal species.
- 2003** The Airport's Aviation Facilities Plan (AFP) receives the Central Coast American Planning Association's 2003 Planning Implementation Award. The AFP was developed primarily to address the air-field safety projects and Airline Terminal Improvements.